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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

GROUP ART UNIT: 1638

Delzer, Brent

APPLICATION NO: 09/770,703

EXAMINER: Ibrahim, Medina Ahmed

FILED: January 26, 2001

CONFIRMATION NO: 6804

FOR: Inbred Maize Line NP2174

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of September 10, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests reexamination and reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

**AMENDMENTS**

**In the claims:**

Please cancel claim 45.

Please amend the following claims:

5. (Amended) A maize plant, or parts thereof, having all the physiological and morphological characteristics of the plant according to claim 2.